

AN ACT

relating to the continuing education requirements for certain peace officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 96.641, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 96.641. INITIAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR POLICE CHIEFS AND COMMAND STAFF.

SECTION 2. Section 96.641, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The institute may establish and offer a continuing education program for command staff for individuals who are second in command to police chiefs. The command staff continuing education program must satisfy the requirements for the police chief continuing education program under Subsection (a).

SECTION 3. Section 1701.351, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A peace officer who is second in command to a police chief of a law enforcement agency and who attends a continuing education program for command staff provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas under Section 96.641, Education Code, is exempt from the continuing education requirements of this subchapter.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 244 passed the Senate on March 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 244 passed the House on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor